

Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 27, 2012

Called to order at 7:01 pm by Peter Jessop, Chair, in the Town Room at Town Hall.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Marilyn Blaustein (7:07), Paris Boice, Mary Streeter, Stan Ziomek, Michael Jacques, Peter Jessop

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS:

Diana Stein

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sandra Anderson, Lynda Faye, Ellen Kosmer

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Sonia Aldrich

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- David Ziomek
- Matt Cornell

AGENDA:

- Tentative Open Space Presentation
- Discuss proposals and vote recommendations that are ready
- Set agenda for next meeting
- Approve any minutes
- Topics the Chair did not reasonably anticipate 48 hours before the meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Three Proposals:

Dave Ziomek, discussed North common. Business support and State support are strong. If CPAC does not support the proposal this year, the state support will go away and we will have to wait for another cycle.

Dave discussed the different grants that Conservation had applied for in terms of these proposals. Peter asked what are the chances of getting all three this year. Dave Ziomek feels we are very competitive on all 3 projects. The Brunelle project may get the grant but there is a chance that the state won't fund it until the next fiscal year.

Dave feels very confident that if we approve all of these that conservation will

know before town meeting the outcomes of the grants requested by the state.

Mary Streeter has concerns about North common being considered a historic project. Dave Ziomek feels it is a historic place and does not see a problem considering this a historic project.

Peter requested the status of additional funding for North common. Dave Ziomek believes we need to show the commitment for the project before other funding sources move forward.

Matt Cornell informed the committee that the Historic Commission did not meet to vote on these projects since our last meeting.

Paris Boice said the Conservation Commission had met and voted in support of all three proposals.

Stan Ziomek said the Brunelle property could not be used for recreation other than passive recreation. Uses would be more inline with trails or wildlife purposes.

Marilyn had a funding question about 1st and 2nd phase funding requests for North Common.

Sonia discussed the different funding options she created and supplied in a document distributed at the meeting. Committee discussed the various funding options pro's and con's with Dave Ziomek. Discussed various ways other funding could be approved and how that will change what happens with all three projects.

Mary questioned restriction charge of the Ricci property "one time fee". Dave explained that this is a new requirement from the state and must be done. Dave puts these fees into the proposals so if we get reimbursement from the state that these moneys, along with the cost of the purchase, would be partially reimbursed by the state.

MOTION:

Paris Boise makes a motion to recommend to town meeting to use 151K from our budgeted reserve to purchase the Ricci property, seconded by Mary Streeter. Voted: unanimously 6-0-0

Discussed intricacies of voting and funding of North Common

MOTION:

Stan Ziomek makes a motion to recommend to town meeting to use \$15K in fund balance and borrowing \$143,672.00 with a recommendation from LSSE, second by Paris Boise.

Voted: unanimously 6-0-0

MOTION:

Marilyn Blaustein. Recommends to town meeting the use of \$81,500, for the purchase of the Brunelle property, second by Mary Streeter.

Vote: unanimously 6-0-0

CPAC will recommend to town meeting the appropriation of \$248,000 for fall town meeting.

Reviewed CPAC proposal letter Request and proposal request for FY 14. Letter will request proposals be returned by December 4th 2012. Amherst Media has asked to be on the distribution list.

Mary wanted to know how letters get delivered. They are delivered, by email, in person, and by mail.

Mary will move the motions at town meetings. Request someone from LSSE to speak for the Park Grant. Will ask Lynda to speak for the North Common. Paris will speak to the conservation aspect of the proposals. Dave Ziomek will be available to answer questions.

Upcoming Meetings:

December 6th, 2012
January 3, 2013
January 31, 2013
February 14, 2013
February 28, 2013 (tentative public hearing)
March 28, 2013

Previous minutes:

Michael Jacques makes a motion to approve the minutes of Sep. 6, 2012, second by Marilyn, 5-0-1, Stan Ziomek abstaining

Marilyn Blaustein will do minutes for the next meeting.

Adjournment:

MOTION:

A motion was made by Stan, Seconded by Michael Jacques

VOTED:

Unanimously

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED

- Agenda- September 27, 2012
- Financial options from Sonja Aldrich, comptroller
- Proposal Request, Brunelle property, from David Ziomek
- Proposal Request, Ricci property, from David Ziomek
- Proposal Request, North Common Project, from David Ziomek
- CPAC, Call for Proposals for FY 2014 letter
- CPAC, Proposal Request Form for FY 12
- CPAC, Draft minutes meetings from September 6th, 2012

Submitted by Michael Jacques

Approved January 3, 2013